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Applicant(s): PARTHASARATHY et al.)
Serial No.: 10/027,226)
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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR REMOVAL OF ORGANIC MOLECULES
FROM BIOLOGICAL MIXTURES USING A HYDROPHILIC SUPPORT IN A
HYDROPHOBIC MATRIX)

Group Art Unit: 1623
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 23 April 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II (claims 50-61), drawn to devices and analytical receptacles comprising a solid-phase extraction material. Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

Further, in response to the Election of Species, Applicants elect, with traverse, species (AA): a device with a plurality of process arrays and a solid-phase extraction material within at least one of the process arrays; (BE): the solid-phase extraction material is in an array, comprises a hydrophilic solid support that is in the form of inorganic particles; and (CA): the hydrophobic matrix is an adhesive or has adhesive properties. The above-referenced species encompass claims 50-55. Applicants' Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

This election is made with traverse to the extent that it is understood that (a) the requirement will be withdrawn upon the finding of an allowable genus; and (b) any species withdrawn from consideration will be transferred to the elected subject matter unless it is found patentably distinct from the elected or allowed claims. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the generic claim includes sufficiently few species that a search and examination of all the species at one time would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner.

Response to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 21 day of May, 2003, at 1:27pm (Central Time).

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